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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SVALBARD QUERY

REF: HOPPER/GAMMON TELCON OF AUGUST 25

1. I HAD KELLY GO IN TO OBTAIN THE SVALBARD STUDY WHICH DE LABOULAYE MENTIONED TO YOU. THE QUAI DESK OFFICER FOR SCANDINAVIAN AFFAIRS SAID THERE ARE ACTUALLY THREE DIFFERENT STUDIES CONCERNING SVALBARD. ONE IS A LEGAL REVIEW OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE 1920 TREATY; THE SECOND, A REVIEW OF THE STRATEGIC ASPECTS OF THE SVALBARD QUESTION; THE THIRD, STILL UNDERWAY, ADDRESSES THE ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL ASPECTS. QUAI DESK OFFICER DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THE ECONOMIC STUDY WILL BE FINISHED FOR SOME TIME BECAUSE IT INVOLVES CONSULTATIONS WITH VARIOUS FRENCH FIRMS.

2. QUAI DESK OFFICER UNDERTOOK TO OBTAIN APPROVAL FOR RELEASE OF EITHER OR BOTH OF THE TWO STUDIES WHICH HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. CAN YOU CLARIFY WHICH ONE YOU WANT?

3. QUAI DESK OFFICER ASKED IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY CHANGE IN U.S. POSITION ON SVALBARD SINCE THAT COMMUNICATED TO FRENCH PRIOR TO NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING IN OSLO IN MAY

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(STATE 114779). COULD YOU HAVE YOUR PEOPLE CHECK THIS

FOR US?

4. QUAI DESK OFFICER WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH KELLY MONDAY
OR TUESDAY, SO WE HOPE TO HAVE COPIES OF THE STUDY AT
THAT TIME.
GAMMON

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